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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a      continuation X divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 08/545,196 filed on October 19, 1995, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference, by

Judith MELKI and Arnold MUNNICH

for

SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY DIAGNOSTIC METHODS (As Amended)

1. X Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).
2. X The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

|  | BASIC FEE       |                 | LARGE ENTITY   | SMALL ENTITY |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
|  | NUMBER<br>FILED | NUMBER<br>EXTRA | RATE FEE       | RATE FEE     |
| TOTAL CLAIMS                             | 80- 20 =        | 60              | x 22 = \$1,320 | x 11 = \$    |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS                       | 22- 3 =         | 19              | x 82 = \$1,558 | x 41 = \$    |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT<br>5 CLAIMS PRESENTED |                 |                 | + \$270.00     | + \$135.00   |
| TOTAL                                    |                 |                 | \$3,938.00     |              |

3. X A check in the amount of \$3,938.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4.      Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$          . A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. X Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:
- a. --This application is a      continuation X divisional of copending Application No. 08/545,196, filed on October 19, 1995, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--
- b. --This application is a      continuation      divisional of copending Application No.           , filed on           . Application No.            is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/     /     filed on            under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference.--
6.      Transfer the drawings/photographs from the prior

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14. \_\_\_\_ An extension of time for \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) until \_\_\_\_\_ has been submitted in parent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ in order to establish copendency with the present application.

15. X Also enclosed herewith is the following:

Sequence Listing

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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